

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 5, 10, 14 and 18 are amended without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rejection of Claims 1-21 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable. Applicants thank the Examiner for the analysis and the response to arguments on pages 2 and 3 laying out the Examiner's position with regards to the prior art and Applicants' arguments.

Based on the Examiner's response to arguments, Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 10, 14 and 18 to render clear that the new focus node is different from the current focus node. The substance of the Examiner's position is that there was no mention in the claim limitations that the current node cannot be the same as the new focus node and thus the prior art was interpreted as them being the same node. The response explained that because this claim limitation was interpreted in this manner that the Young et al. reference is to have taught the concept of assigning a focus node in the manner claimed.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner cites Young et al. in rejecting claims 1, 14 and 18. Furthermore, on page 7 of the Office Action Abella et al. is cited in connection with Young et al. to reject claims 5-13. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, inasmuch as Applicants have addressed this specific point, is patentable and in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections and objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge or credit the **Novak, Druce & Quigg, LLP, Account No. 14-1437** for any deficiency or overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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